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OUT ON A FROZEN LYMPNE

Red pandas at Port Lympne looked as though they were back on the slopes of the Himalayas during this week's snow. Their thick, warm fur is well suited to the freezing conditions as parts of the county suffered the heaviest snow for 18 years.

Commuters were hardest hit as trains cancelled all services into London, while motorists were advised to travel only if it was essential. Meanwhile, youngsters were able to play in the snow after schools were forced to close. Weathermen say we'll have ice and rain for the rest of the week.

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■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A SEAFRONT development proposed for Folkestone would only increase traffic congestion and add to safety concerns, according to campaigners.

The application to change the Leas Club into a health centre, together with 68 apartments each with its own parking space, is now under consideration by Shepway council.

Residents say 40-ton trucks regularly use Longford Terrace on The Leas one-way system, to make deliveries to Iceland and McDonald's and the hazards will only increase if building work goes ahead.

Two car parks in Cheriton Place and Longford Terrace, which have space for 40 cars, would be lost to the development.

As part of the scheme – in line with Government regulations – the developer also has to build 25 flats for low-income families.

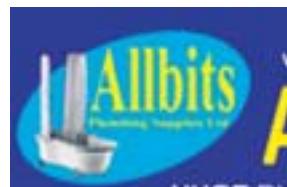
A Yourshepway reader, who asked not to be named, said if the plans were approved the area would not be able to cope with the traffic.

He said: "If the Leas Club goes through as it is, it will be at the expense of the people of Folkestone and their safety."

"There is no allowance within the plans for parking spaces for delivery or maintenance vehicles, or the proposed health club. This will add to the burden of finding a place to park anywhere nearby. Iceland's car park will not take the strain."

A council official said: "We are aware of local views about this and all representations will

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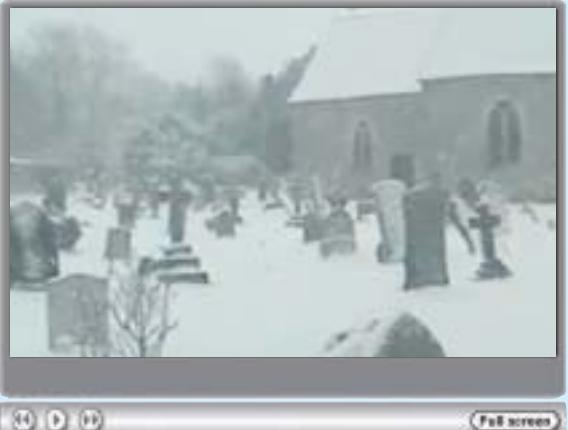


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BUOYANT: Trucks are choosing the Port of Dover over the Channel Tunnel to save money

Popularity of port rises in bid to save money

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FREIGHT operators are switching to ferries from the Channel Tunnel in an effort to keep costs down, according to the Port of Dover.

The claim comes in advance of Eurotunnel's return to full capacity after last September's disastrous fire, which boosted business through the port by up to 34 per cent while repairs were carried out.

Research from more than 40 haulage company bosses across Europe showed some will change their chosen delivery route for savings of less than £5 if they can, simply to compete on price.

Port chief executive Bob Goldfield said: "Freight operators tell us that speed and price are the only determining factors in choosing their transport routes.

"Time sensitive goods – for instance perishable, high-value foods, or deliveries that are already overdue – tend to be sent via the tunnel. But the lower cost of ferry freight attracts those delivering high-volume, commodity goods.

"Even now, as the tunnel returns to its pre-fire capacity, haulage companies are sticking with sea crossings

as a means to keeping costs under control."

More than 2.3 million HGVs passed through the port in 2008, carrying goods estimated to be worth £46-£55 million.

The port authority is currently building a short link road to take freight directly from ferries on to the main roads out of Dover and pressing ahead with plans for a second terminal within the existing harbour, doubling capacity.

A Eurotunnel spokesman said the company's revenues were only two per cent lower for the past 12 months and the number of trucks transported between September and December was down only 45 per cent, despite the fire halving capacity.

She said: "As Eurotunnel prepares to return to full capacity, the Port of Dover is trying to suggest that ferries offer the same service as Eurotunnel at a lower price, to try and attract hauliers looking to save money.

"This does not take into consideration the losses that come from a longer journey time: the direct and indirect costs of this are much higher for hauliers than the difference in price offered by the ferries.

"For hauliers looking to be competitive in the cross-Channel market and make savings, the Tunnel is the right choice, since it delivers speed, ease and reliability, as well as being the most environmentally friendly option."

Leas Club proposal fuels traffic fears

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be taken into account. We are seeking clarification from Kent Highways and the applicant and this will form part of the decision-making process."

Leigh Palmer, who deals with planning applications at developers Churchgate – which already owns the car parks – said: "The car parks could close at any time for commercial use. There are other spaces available – at the Leas Cliff Hall and the shopping centre – and residents can apply for permits."

He said the Leas Club and social housing at Cheriton were separate applications. But the social housing was a "loss leader" and would not go ahead unless approval was given for the Leas development. He understood the potential traffic problems and was keen to address these with Kent Highways. The plans were presented to the council in December. A date for considerations has yet to be agreed.

Offenders caught and fined across the area

POLICE in Shepway made a series of arrests over the weekend.

Early on Sunday morning two 20-year-old men, one from Folkestone and one from Hythe, were arrested for affray after being refused entry to the Party Bar in Tontine Street, Folkestone. They were detained and issued with £80 fixed penalty notices before being released.

A 20-year-old woman and 12-year-old girl were arrested for shoplifting after trying to take a trolley full of shopping out of Asda without paying. The woman, from Chatham, was held at Folkestone police station where she was issued with a £80 fixed penalty notice and released. The 12-year-old, from Folkestone, was cautioned.

Olympics opportunity

BUSINESSES in Shepway are being invited to get on their marks and get set to make the most of the opportunities presented by the 2012 Olympic Games.

A workshop at Shepway council on February 18 will focus on writing bids and tendering for Olympic work.

There are an estimated 55,000 supply chain contracts to be awarded for the 2012 games and not only within the construction sector.

The workshop is being run by Business Link Kent. For more information call 01732 878555 or visit events@businesslinkkent.co.uk.

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Expert warns airport chiefs over bird strike

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FEARS that an expanded Lydd airport could be affected by a bird strike have resurfaced after the dramatic rescue of a passenger jet in New York earlier last month.

A decision on whether to build a new 500,000 passenger terminal and a 444-metre runway extension is expected to take place early this year and campaigners say those taking off from Romney Marsh may not be so fortunate.

Hazardous

The area attracts up to 120,000 migrating birds and more than 60 different breeding species and the RSPB believes Lydd represents "an extremely hazardous site" for an airport.

A report commissioned by the charity last year found that Lydd's plans to reduce the bird strike threat was vague and inadequately considered, and that pilots would need "considerable flexibility" to avoid putting their flights in danger.

Professor Chris Fearne, a bird management expert who wrote the report said: "It is remarkable such an airport development is



BIRD STRIKE: There are concerns plans to expand Lydd airport will put passengers at risk due to the large number of birds that could come into contact with planes taking off and landing

being considered in an area where [such an] abundance of wildlife already exists and receives legal protection, especially as the birds that are numerous in the area include most of the

species that are perceived as especially hazardous to air safety in the UK.

"Much more detail is needed to convince a reader that bird hazard management is being given

the priority that it warrants at this site."

Among his recommendations for the airport were a more detailed study of bird migration patterns and research on the different altitudes at which birds fly.

He said netting ponds and lakes and preventing birds nesting in aircraft hangers and on roofs were other required measures, along with thoroughly trained "bird scaring" staff.

Previously the airport has said that birds and the airport could co-exist and it was effective bird control which would make the difference.

In response to the RSPB's original report a spokesman said: "It is not the number of passengers that matters, it is the effective management of bird control systems around any airport that really counts.

"Our Environmental Impact Assessment includes the findings of three wintering bird surveys. This data has been included as part of our submission to Shepway council."

On January 16 a US Airways Airbus A380 carrying 155 people made a miraculous emergency landing in the Hudson River after colliding with a flock of geese.

The pilot, Captain Chesley B Sullenberger, has been praised as a hero for landing the plane safely without the loss of a single life.

'Car parks could close at anytime'

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But the social housing is a "loss leader" and would not go ahead unless planning approval was given for the Leas Club development.

He said he understood the potential traffic problems and the developer was keen to sort this out with Kent Highways.

Plans were presented to Shepway council for approval on December 9 and a date for considerations has yet to be agreed.

School's out for winter as the snow falls down

SEVERAL schools in the district were forced to close on Monday due to the snow, said to be the worst conditions for 18 years.

Up to six inches fell overnight on Sunday, leading to travel chaos for commuters as well as preventing many parents and pupils from leaving home.

Foxwood Special School in Hythe closed all day on Monday together with Brookland Primary School on Romney Marsh.

They were joined by early closures for Palmarsh Primary School, Brockhill Park Performing Arts College in Saltwood, Elham C of E Primary School and Lympne Primary.

St Eanswyth's Primary and the Highview Special School in Folkestone also shut their doors early as well as Harcourt Primary in Cheriton.

By Tuesday only Park Farm Primary in Folkestone reported it was closed for the day, otherwise schools were back up and running.

While most students were able to get the day off to play in the snow, a teenager had to be taken to hospital after crashing his sledge into a tree.

Police and ambulance services were called to Sugarloaf Hill in Folkestone after the accident about 1.30pm on Monday.

The boy, believed to be aged 16 was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford with an arm injury and neck pain.

Sgt Gerry Meers from the Shepway neighbourhood policing team said: "If we get any more snow and you want to have fun sledging, then please take care and look out for hazards, like objects and people and do not sledge near roads."

Have your say at NHS roadshow

THE NHS roadshow is coming to Folkestone to highlight planned improvements in the region over the next five years.

A panel of experts will be on hand to answer questions about local health issues and their future during a question and answer session, with the chance to talk to health professionals and East Kent PCT chief executive Ann Sutton.

Everyone is welcome to come along at anytime during the three hour sessions and light refreshments will be available.

PCT chairman Colin Tomson said: "We really hope people will take this opportunity to find out about our health and wellbeing priorities, have their say on what's important to them, and help us shape services for the future."

The roadshow will be at The Pavilion in East Cliff, Folkestone on Wednesday February 25 from 10am -1pm.

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Operation got fly-tippers into a fine old mess

TWO fly-tippers who were dumping rubbish on Romney Marsh have been found guilty and fined, following a joint operation by Shepway council and police.

One of the men, from East Sussex, pleaded guilty to failing to secure a written description of controlled waste. He was given a six-month conditional discharge and was ordered to pay £250 costs.

In a separate case, a man pleaded guilty to the same offence. He was fined £100.

Karaoke couple punished for their noise pollution

A COUPLE who sang along to karaoke at the top of their voices and played music so loudly it made the walls vibrate have had their music equipment seized by the council.

Shepway's environmental health team confiscated the kit, including speakers, from the flat at East Cliff Gardens in Folkestone after the couple ignored a Noise Abatement Notice. The equipment will be confiscated for 28 days by the council and returned only if the couple agree to pay costs.

Shoplifter caught on camera in Debenhams

A PERSISTENT shoplifter who was caught in the act on CCTV has been found guilty at Thanet Magistrates' Court.

The 17-year-old male was filmed in Debenhams in Sandgate Road, Folkestone, removing two designer wallets valued at £44 from shelves and placing them in his jacket pocket on December 1 last year.

He was convicted of shoplifting on January 21 and sentenced to a Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order.

Citizens' Advice Bureau gets council cash boost

VITAL help for people affected by the credit crunch will arrive in the form of £10,000 for the district's Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Shepway council's cabinet agreed at a meeting last week to give a one-off payment to the bureau to help with the increased demand for its services. Shepway leader Cllr Robert Bliss said that although the government had reduced the standard VAT rate the council has found it difficult to pass on the reduction and wants the CAB to benefit.



DUNGENESS: The earliest any new power station could be built is 2017, with the list of nominated sites being published in the spring followed by government consultation

Power plant growth

'Dungeness is potentially a good site for new nuclear build'

THE PROSPECT of a new power station at Dungeness moved a step closer last week when the government announced its criteria for the next generation of nuclear energy.

EDF Energy, which owns the power station, is to nominate the site along with four others around the country to help meet future electricity demand.

However, the company has indicated it would prefer to build four new reactors at two of its other sites, Sizewell in Suffolk and Hinkley Point in Somerset, after consulting with the government over its 'Site Selection Application'.

Dungeness could still be chosen as one of two

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

sites which EDF have agreed with Government and EU competition authorities to sell, as a result of the company's takeover of British Energy earlier this month.

An EDF spokesman said: "We believe all our sites have good potential for new build and will be nominating all those covered by the SSA process to ensure they continue to be potential development sites for ourselves or others."

"The site at Dungeness is a potentially valuable site for new nuclear build but as with all possible sites it must first get through the Strategic Siting Assessment and then a planning application."

"It is not definite that it will be built on but we are confident that Dungeness is potentially a very good site for new nuclear build."

The earliest any new power station could be built is 2017, with the list of nominated sites being published in the spring, followed by a month-long public consultation and government assessment.

Among the changes to the criteria published last week was the removal of an outright ban on any areas of the country susceptible to earthquakes. The government said the risk was "modest" and power stations could be built to withstand any impact.

The news comes after the Folkestone earthquake in April 2007, which registered 4.3 on the Richter scale.



GUN STASH CHARGES: Nick Meurice

Councillor cleared of gun charges

A FORMER Hythe councillor was cleared of keeping an illegal stash of guns his ex-wife found, Maidstone Crown Court heard last week.

Nick Meurice, who is also chairman of 'Hythe Against Crime', was cleared on Thursday of four charges of possessing a prohibited firearm, two of possessing a prohibited weapon, one of possessing expanding ammunition and two of possessing ammunition without a firearms certificate.

He said his former wife had not been happy with having to pay £180,000 in the divorce settlement following the couple's breakup, when it was revealed Mr Meurice had been having an affair.

The court heard that his wife of 25 years Alison, who owns the Owlets jewellers in Hythe High Street, found the weapons ten months after Mr Meurice had moved out of the couple's marital home of Redbrooks Wood in London Road.

They included a silver revolver, two pistols and a spy-style 'pen-gun', the latter of which Alison Meurice – also known as Chapman – alleged her ex-husband used to take with him on the London Underground.

She called the police who searched Mr Meurice's new address in Station Road, Hythe and found a CS gas canister.

The jury of seven men and five women took only three-and-a-half hours to clear him of all charges.

In an interview with the Sunday Express, Nick Meurice said about his former wife's actions: "She feels bitter about the divorce settlement, even though she got to keep our large marital home, and has sought to take revenge against me."

Mrs Meurice was criticised by the judge at the trial, who felt some of her evidence was tainted by her post-divorce attitude toward her husband.

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BRIEFING: Prince Charles was updated on the progress of Gurkhas still on duty in Afghanistan

Joy and sorrow as prince pays visit to Gurkhas

THE Prince of Wales lent his support to Kent-based Gurkhas fighting in Afghanistan when he paid a visit to their families back home.

Sir John Moore Barracks in Folkestone was the location for Wednesday's royal visit, where the prince also met with four soldiers seriously injured while serving in the war-torn country.

He even took time out to hold a private meeting with Uma Dura – the widow of Colour Sergeant Krishna Dura, who died in a roadside bombing last November.

C/Sgt Dura, 36, was the second Gurkha killed in Afghanistan in the space of two weeks following the death of his comrade Rifleman Yubraj Rai, 28.

Prince Charles, who is the Rifles' Colonel-in-Chief, also received an update on the soldiers' progress abroad.

Major Chris Conroy told him: "We were very unlucky to lose two of the guys before Christmas."

"It's very hard for the families, as would be expected, but we're lucky here that there is a strong community both in the Gurkha community and the local community in Folkestone who can offer considerable support."

The Prince was also presented with flower garlands from C/Sgt Dura's children, Krishina and Kerbina, as well as other youngsters associated with the regiment.



WELCOME: Prince Charles also talked to the Gurkhas' families during his visit to Sir John Moore Barracks



SUPPORT: The Gurkhas' Colonel-In-Chief offered words of encouragement to troops injured in action in Afghanistan

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

The royal visit came as the Home Office prepared to announce details of its new policy regarding Gurkhas' rights to settle in the UK.

Last September, High Court judges ruled that the current system of allowing only those soldiers who retired after 1997 to remain in this country was unlawful, and ordered the Home Office to come up with new rules.

According to the Times, a new policy is due to be unveiled "shortly" that could lead to up to 36,000 Gurkha soldiers and their families swapping Nepal for new homes in the UK.

However, earlier this month actress and Gurkha rights campaigner Joanna Lumley accused the Ministry of Defence of exaggerating the numbers.

She said: "The MoD is making wildly exaggerated claims that as many as 50,000 may come. The Home Affairs Select Committee took evidence on this matter last year, and the figure is more likely to be between 3,000 and 5,000."

"Let's face it – even if the MoD's figure was correct, all these retired Gurkhas have earned the right to settle here by serving and fighting in our Army."

A spokesman said the Home Office was still considering its policy changes to ensure they would be fair for all Gurkhas.

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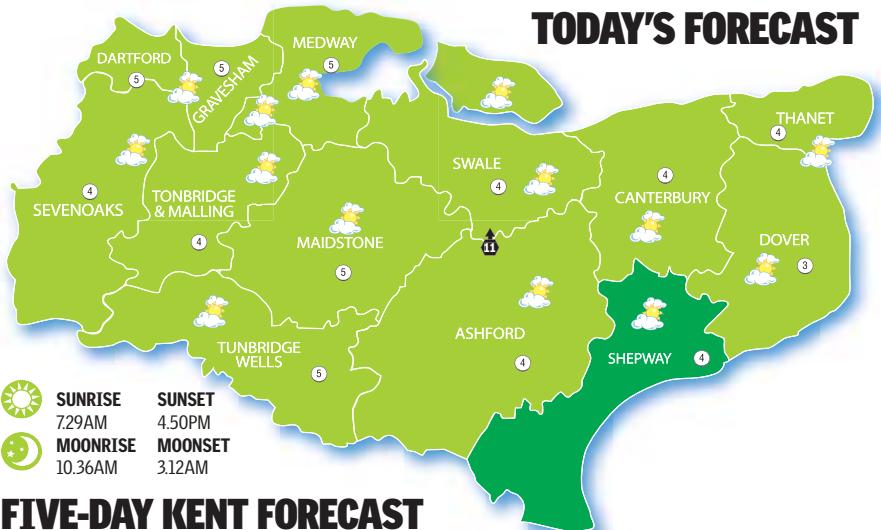
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Dover	Saturday	8:55am	5.9m
	Sunday	9:57am	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:47am	6.6m
	Sunday	9:49am	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:25am	4.5m
	Sunday	10:27am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:18am	5.2m
	Sunday	11:26am	5.5m
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Canterbury	4°C	4°C	6°C	3°C	2°C	Maidstone	6°C	5°C	6°C	4°C	3°C
Chatham	5°C	4°C	7°C	5°C	3°C	Ramsgate	4°C	4°C	6°C	3°C	2°C
Dartford	6°C	5°C	6°C	4°C	3°C	Rochester	5°C	4°C	7°C	5°C	3°C
Dover	4°C	3°C	6°C	4°C	3°C	Sevenoaks	4°C	4°C	5°C	3°C	2°C
Faversham	5°C	4°C	7°C	5°C	3°C	Sittingbourne	5°C	4°C	7°C	5°C	3°C
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Stop the big chill from getting to your pipes

WITH temperatures plummeting over the weekend and the prospect of more snow and ice this winter, residents are being warned to check their pipes and ensure they are properly insulated.

The call comes from Folkestone and Dover Water Services, whose head of operations, Gavin McHale, says that after a series of mild winters it's easy to forget the problems that frozen pipes can cause.

He said: "We just haven't had to cope with bitterly cold weather in recent years and it looks as if we could be hit by a cold spell which will plunge temperatures well below freezing.

"If customers check their pipes and even use temporary insulation if needed they could save themselves a great deal of trouble. Pipes can freeze in just minutes, expand and burst. Then when the thaw comes you can have extensive damage and a big repair bill."

To prevent burst pipes, make sure you know where your stopcocks or stop taps are and that they are working. Insulate exposed water pipes with felt or pipe wrap and cover with a waterproof material. Make sure your cold water tank is insulated and leave central heating on a frost protect setting overnight.

If you are planning on leaving your home or office unattended for long periods, turn off the water supply and drain the heating system, outside taps and exposed pipes.

If pipes do freeze, switch off the central heating boiler, turn off the stopcock to cut off the water supply and use a gentle heat source to defrost pipes.

Start thawing the pipe near where the pipe enters the house. If you have a burst pipe turn off the stopcock, leave a tap on to allow the thawed water to escape and contact a qualified plumber.

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DOUG ROBERTSON-RITCHIE and FRANCES PERRY



Q & A

Doug Robertson-Ritchie and Frances Perry, owners of new restaurant Number Eleven, which has opened in The Old High Street, Folkestone, spoke to **James Alexandre** about life working in the business

Q Tell me a little about yourselves.

A We're Doug, Frances and baby Huey. We were born and raised around here and moved to London where Fran worked in the fashion business and Doug worked in some of the capital's best restaurants.

When Hugh was born we decided to move back and start a place of our own, so we could put our knowledge into practice.

Q How did you first become involved in the restaurant business?

A By accident really. Doug studied fine art at a university but had always loved cooking. He decided to pursue a career as a chef and has been working in restaurants such as Bistrotheque and Flash at the Royal Academy of Arts ever since.

Q What first inspired you to open Number Eleven?

A It's about bringing the best bits of fine dining together with the relaxed atmosphere of eating with friends, at a price that won't break the bank.

We hope we've found a little niche that will make Number Eleven an important part of the thriving arts and cultural scene in Shepway.

It's a real privilege to be able to be part of the development of an area we grew up in and care so much about.

Q What do you think is the most enjoyable or interesting aspect of owning a restaurant?

A Just being able to see your views on how a restaurant should be run put into practice.

It can be frustrating working in a restaurant and thinking "I'd do that so much better". Now it's time to see if it all works.

Q What would you say has been your most memorable or exciting experience so far?

A Doug has cooked for celebs such as Keira Knightley, Scarlett Johansson and Agyness Dean. But really, the most exciting thing has been opening Number Eleven.

Q What are your future career goals?

A It's more about happiness really. That's why we moved back here from London – the quality of life is just much higher. We want to look back and be sure that we ran places that were warm, welcoming and served excellent locally-sourced food.

Eating out is about atmosphere as well as food, and we want to create somewhere that

feels like going round to a friend's house for dinner.

Q What do you think of the artistic, cultural and social life of Shepway?

A Having been away and come back, to see the development of the area into such a vibrant and exciting place to be has been great.

Q Where can people find out more about Number Eleven?

A Come in and see us. We have lots of exciting things coming up, we are planning a very romantic menu for Valentine's night. We also have free wi-fi access and can also cater to many dietary requirements including vegetarian, vegans and gluten free.

We are in the process of setting up a website so once it's up and running you will be able to find out more at www.numberelevenfolkestone.co.uk

Q What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not working?

A We look after our 18 month old son, Huey – who's a handful but utterly gorgeous with it! Our biggest passions are for food, drink and entertaining – which should make Number Eleven a great place to be.

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DONATION: Demelza Hospice receives the cheque for £2,500 from the crew of HMS Kent, during the presentation they were also joined by two Lynx naval helicopters

Navy helicopters drop in to give cash to hospice

NAVAL officers paid a flying visit to Demelza House – landing two Lynx helicopters at the children's hospice.

The crew of HMS Kent landed at the charity's Bobbing hospice last week, meeting with children, staff and volunteers before handing over a cheque for £2,500.

The members of 815 squadron from the Royal Navy frigate told Demelza staff how they had organised a number of events to raise the money, ranging from an acoustic night to climbing Mount Fuji.

Their colleagues then arrived in style, landing two 425 Lynx naval helicopters in the hospice's grounds.

Demelza's director of fund-raising James

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

Hanaway said the children had thoroughly enjoyed the crew's visit.

He said: "It was fantastic to welcome the crew of HMS Kent to Demelza and gave us the opportunity to show them where all their fund-raising efforts are put to work.

"The children were really excited to see the helicopters and a great day was had by all."

HMS Kent's Sub Lieutenant Ed Smith said his crew were overwhelmed by what they saw.

He said: "A few of my crew members have said how overwhelmed they were with the whole experience of the hospice and that it was lovely to see the money they raised going to such a good cause.

Demelza has been chosen as one of our charities for the life of the ship.

HMS Kent was commissioned in 2000 and has a life expectancy of between 25 and 30 years so we're looking forward to a long relationship with Demelza."

Demelza provides hospice care for more than 570 children with life-limiting illnesses and their families across Kent, East Sussex and south London.

A care team at the eight-bedded Bobbing hospice provide respite, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support.

More than 300 children and their families benefit from a wide range of facilities that include a multi-sensory room, soft play, jacuzzi, and the inclusion zone for young adults.

Researchers find the beat of life with drumming

DRUMMING is being used as a tool to help people with mental illnesses, recovering drug addicts and autism sufferers.

Experts at the Sidney De Haan research centre in Folkestone believe certain parts of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle – namely the constant movement involved with playing percussion instruments – can help the body recover from injury and illness.

Musician Simon Lee works with a number of health groups across the county.

He said: "A new interest has developed in drumming, rhythm-making and the role it has in healthy communities, and there is strong evidence to suggest it may actually be a healing activity. Some have gone so far as to prove that time spent drumming can positively affect our immune systems, levels of stress and psychological well-being."

Recently Mr Lee has lent his expertise to the Trevor Gibbons mental health unit in Maidstone, as well as Medway Primary Care Trust. He said: "Drumming can energise or relax, foster a sense of playfulness or release anger and tension. It can also help in the conquering of social isolation and the building of positive relationships."

The Sidney De Haan Research Centre for Arts and Health is part of Canterbury Christ Church University, and is situated at the University Centre Folkestone.

Low tax increase

KENT County Council chiefs have proposed a 2.44 per cent council tax increase for the next financial year.

The figure is the lowest it has ever been, and 0.41 per cent lower than was originally put forward by the authority last month.

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Helping heal the scars

FIVE years ago staff at Depaul UK opened their doors to a young girl who had severe problems with self-harming.

The 16-year-old, who had suffered years of abuse and spent time in psychiatric care, always made sure her body was covered up to hide the brutal scars she had caused over the years.

Volunteers and staff at Depaul UK, a hostel which cares for homeless young people, worked closely with the teenager and two years later she walked out of the hostel wearing a sleeveless top and skirt, unafraid to show off her body.

She is now in a stable relationship with a two-year-old son.

Jacky Levy, project manager at the hostel, said this success story is one of many out of the hundreds of young people they have cared for over the years.

She said: "We help those aged between 16 to 21-years-old, from all walks of life and with diverse problems.

"We get people who have just come out of care or prison, most of which have had very difficult lives.

"We give them space, show them that we like them and develop relationships. One of the major things we do is bring humour into their lives."

Ms Levy joined the Gravesend branch of Depaul UK six years ago. She said self-harm is a common occurrence with their residents.

"Sometimes they keep it a secret, sometimes they tell us, but one of the things we must do is make sure they harm in a safe way.

"If we are aware then we can make sure they don't use dirty

knives and razors as well as working towards helping them stop.

"A lot of them do it as a release as nothing else seems to help.

"Some of them are so damaged they don't feel emotions and they do it as a way to remind themselves they exist. It makes them feel alive somehow – it's very sad."

One resident is Diane. She came to one of Depaul UK's hostels aged 18 after leaving her family and ending up homeless.

She suffered depression and would frequently self-harm, but the organisation helped her build her confidence and get her a voluntary placement at a local vets.

Evicted

Diane is unable to live independently, but has severely reduced her self-harming.

Ms Levy said: "Everyone we have helped, even those we have had to evict, have kept in contact.

"We develop relationships which makes them realise they are liked.

"We have a very high success rate here."

Depaul UK uses separate care plans geared towards each individual, which includes counselling and building relationships.

The not-for-profit organisation also works closely with local authorities who help rehouse residents.

As part of their work, the national organisation has teamed up with youth mental health charity 42nd Street and online communications charity YouthNet, to provide an online service as well.

A national inquiry found that one in 15 young people in the UK are currently self-harming and despite it previously being a taboo

A recent report claims one in 15 young people are self-harming – inflicting physical injuries on themselves. **Marijke Cox** speaks to one Kent group which is helping break the damaging cycle



subject, more and more people want help.

Fiona Dawe, Chief Executive of YouthNet, said: "Never before has there been such a comprehensive offering of self-harm advice and information, combined with peer-to-peer support, available online.

"By working directly with people affected by the issue, we have been able to create fantastic visual, audio and written content which is relevant, interesting and inclusive – allowing us to get help for young people how they want it, when they need it."

For more information visit www.TheSite.org/selfharm.

Talking to dispel cancer 'stigma'

A SURGEON is urging people to be "loud and proud" to raise awareness of the UK's second deadliest form of cancer – bowel cancer.

The call to action comes as the county prepares to mark Beating Bowel Cancer's annual Be Loud campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the symptoms.

The campaign encourages people to wear their loudest and most colourful clothes and talk openly about bowel cancer and its symptoms.



William Garrett (pictured above), consultant surgeon, clinical lead for bowel cancer screening at the NHS Foundation Trust, and the Strategic Health Authority's advisor for bowel cancer screening in Kent, said: "Although bowel cancer is the second most deadly form of cancer, it is actually one of the most curable if caught in time."

"The most common symptoms are changes in your bowel habits, bleeding or colicky abdominal pains.

"People often find its symptoms embarrassing, but by talking openly and honestly we can remove the stigma and enable more people to access the treatment they need, without feeling embarrassed or ashamed."

New bike rangers

CYCLE routes across Kent are to be improved through a partnership to help in their upkeep.

Kent County Council and sustainable charity Sustrans will recruit up to 40 volunteer rangers.

They will maintain the growing network of cycle routes across Kent in addition to boosting the number of people taking to two wheels.

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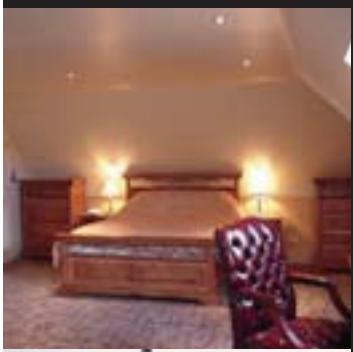
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SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard has officially opened the new medical centre at Pent Valley Technology College.

The centre will offer a range of services to pupils and the public in a joint venture between the school and the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust and is part-funded by the Shepway Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

On Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm during term time, the 4YP clinic, which specialises in sexual health, will be open to all young people in Cheriton and headed by an outreach nurse.

Currently, to access this service young people have to travel to Folkestone health centre or see their GP. The 4YP logo indicates these services are available, including in the area's pharmacies.

A trained mentor will be available to discuss concerns of domestic abuse, in the medical room on Wednesdays from 8.30-9.30am. With funding offered by Roger de Haan via Kent Safe Schools, this will be a 'signposting' service to students, parents and the community who have any worries about violence in the home.

Pent Valley is a member of a local implementation group responsible for drawing up a plan to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies in Shepway. Statistically, teenage parents under-achieve in education, which

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

then affects their life prospects. The young people's clinic, staffed by a qualified registered nurse, will ensure the community's youngsters have access to information and support at a time that is convenient to them. The new services on offer will extend the clinic's use beyond normal school hours.

Government guidelines state that eventually all secondary schools will have to provide young people's clinics, and Pent Valley said it has taken the lead in Shepway.

Headteacher Mario Citro said: "It is initiatives such as this over the past two years which have resulted in our recent successes including our improved examination results, recognition as a second phase technology college and popularity with parents and students."

He said the school was already the lead choice for physically disabled and visually impaired pupils, as well as for the teaching of literacy and reading across an area which includes Shepway, Dover, Deal and Ashford.

In the last academic year, Pent Valley was awarded Healthy School status and from September free lunches will be provided to all year seven students.

Since the start of this term the school has installed an electronic system which enables parents to monitor what their children eat and the nutritional value of each meal.



NOW OPEN: Michael Howard MP, left, cuts the ribbon at Pent Valley Technology College medical centre

BREAK TIME

Drumming seminar hits the health spot

THE neighbours might complain but drumming can be considered as a more unusual type of therapy, according to a display at University Centre Folkestone.

Musician Simon Lee led a public seminar at the Sidney De Haan Research Centre in Mill Bay about how banging on the drum kit can be good for you.

The session, Drumming for Wellbeing and Health, explored the growing interest in the role the instrument plays in healthy communities and how it may actually be a healing activity.

Mr Lee said: "Science has begun to look at activities that promote wellbeing and to assess their value to healthcare. Some have gone so far as to prove that drumming can positively affect our immune systems, levels of stress and wellbeing."

To find out about other workshops and seminars at the centre, visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/centres/sidney-de-haan-research/seminar-series-2009.asp.

Harvey orphanage help is top flight

A FORMER Harvey Grammar School pupil has jetted off to Kenya to help with building an orphanage.

Flight-Lieutenant Philip Miller is part of an RAF squadron carrying out the Grand Prix exercise, which runs throughout most of the year and allows aircrew to gain the environmental qualification required for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Northern Ireland-based squadron returned from Kenya in December, after two months of working with a local children's orphanage in Nanyuki, north of Nairobi.

They worked on projects ranging from building and repainting the showers to simply playing sport with the children.

Harvey Grammar arranged for a collection of items before Flt-Lt Miller's departure on January 27, such as toys for babies, clothes for those aged up to 18 and any sports kit.

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The eternal mystery of who sends those pointless emails

SPAM email. What, may I ask, is the point?

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Dupe just ten people out of 10,000 and potentially there's a tidy sum to be had for a marketing method that costs you nothing but a bit of time and an email account.

But today's spam seem to sign-up to a breed of complete and utter pointlessness previously unseen.

Take the recent batch I have been receiving. Firstly, they appear to be sent by none other than me.

I would be the first to admit I have done some damn silly things in my life, but wasting my own time writing bizarre emails to myself is not yet one of them.

So, from the start, I know this is a bit of email which must go straight into the bin. It

must not pass go. It must not get my £200.

But, let's assume I, for reasons unknown, am intrigued by what I might be emailing to myself.

Well the next stumbling block is not far away. It's in the subject line to be precise.

Any email sent to me which suggests intimate video footage of me has been found by my neighbour is going to make me smell a rat, to be honest. What's more I find it unlikely Barack Obama will indeed be emailing me direct with a message. Then there are the ones telling me I must rush to enter all my personal banking details as someone has been trying to hack into my Lloyds or Abbey bank account. Quite aside from the fact I'm not a customer of either, I was not born yesterday.

Yet they are nothing compared to the vast bulk of emails which manage to sidestep the clearly rubbish spam filter we have at work and go to great lengths to tell me that size is, despite speculation to the contrary – which I might add I have clung to all my life – everything.

Now I don't know quite who is ever going to

fall for these things. I don't know who will receive an email, unsolicited and apparently from their own account, and think 'hey, these guys seem to have a responsible attitude to business. Heck, let me get my credit card out and I'll get me some of those magic pills'. They may exist, I grant you, but I can't see it.

And part of me thinks if you're that stupid you probably deserve your account to be drained by a dodgy bloke in Moscow.

So let me just add my voice to this whole debate. Ignore spam emails. Delete them, don't even open them. NEVER respond to them – not even to 'unsubscribe' or to complain. And if they appear to come from your own address fret not – they haven't. But never stop forwarding the more amusing ones on size and shape to your colleagues. That remains a joke which will never grow old.

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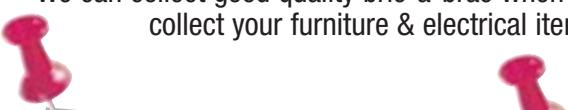
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Realising time is running out, Stauffenberg decides he must take action himself, and in 1942, on his

own initiative, attempts to persuade senior commanders in the East to confront and overthrow Hitler.

Then in 1943, while recovering from injuries suffered in combat, Stauffenberg joins forces with the long-existing civilian anti-Hitler conspiracy, a group of men hidden inside the highest reaches of power.

The plan

Armed with a cunning strategy to use Hitler's own emergency plan to stabilise the government in the event of his demise – Operation Valkyrie – and turn that plan on its head to remove those in power and cripple Hitler's regime, these men plot to assassinate the dictator and overthrow his Nazi government.

With everything in place, and with the future of the world, the fate of millions, and the lives of his wife and children hanging in the balance, Stauffenberg is thrust from being one of many who oppose Hitler to being

the one who must kill Hitler himself.

The film was shot in Germany at locations where many of the actual events occurred, including the historic Bendlerblock.

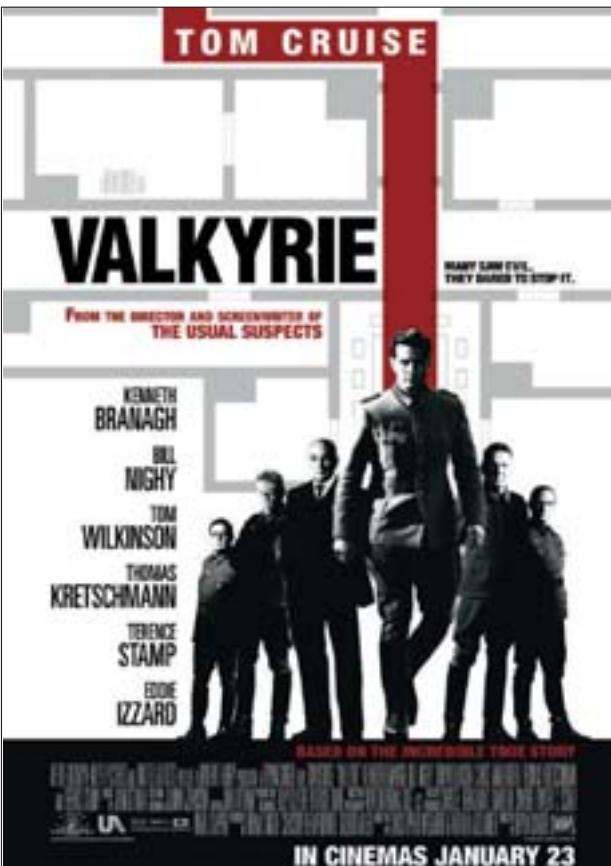
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Tues 17th	BBC Television Studios Tour	£23.50	£21.00	Thurs 9th	Tower of London <i>New</i>	£29.00	£19.00
Thurs 19th	Boulogne & Nausicaa Sealife Centre	£23.00	£18.00	Sat 11th	St Omer	£27.00	£22.00
Sat 21st	Disneyland Paris	£64.50	£10.00	Wed 15th	London Eye & Thames Cruise	£36.00	£32.00
Thurs 26th	Shakespeare's Globe Tour <i>New</i>	£25.50	£22.50	Sat 18th	Disneyland Paris	£60.50	£52.50
				Sun 19th	Cadbury World & Planetarium <i>New</i>	£41.00	£36.00

MARCH

		ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD		
Mon 2nd	Afternoon Cite Europe Trip	£13.00	£10.00	Tues 21st	Montreuil	£25.00	£23.00
Sat 7th	De Panne	£19.50	£17.00	Thurs 23rd	Boulogne	£23.00	£18.00
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TALK TIME

CHRIS KIRKHAM

The manager of the Discover Folkestone, Hythe & Romney Marsh Tourism Partnership, talks to us about attracting visitors to the area despite the credit crunch

Tell me a bit about yourself

My first job was with a Folkestone-based publishing company which had just launched the first newspaper for the UK domestic tourism industry. That experience of the serious business behind holiday provision led to marketing and sales management posts with Kent-based companies involved in a range of holiday and leisure activities such as tour operators, a hotel group, a ferry company and with a public relations consultancy.

How did you get involved in promoting Shepway?

Three years ago, I decided to take a sabbatical to consider what else made the world go round other than travel and tourism. Before I came to serious conclusions, I heard that the organisation tasked with attracting visitors to Shepway was reorganising and looking for short-term management assistance. The challenge was irresistible. I volunteered and was accepted for the job.

How confident is the DFH&RM of attracting visitors during the downturn?

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YOUR LETTERS

ID never fall for BNP propaganda

In reply to the tedious Mr Williams of the BNP, firstly perhaps he should follow through on his wish to leave the country if the Government introduces ID cards as the first tranche are already being issued to certain groups. I always thought he should get out more anyway.

Meanwhile, he seems to have missed that these exchanges, as I intended, clearly expose his party's propaganda methods. Basically, everybody else is to blame and is a racist and/or fascist etc. Prime example of which is his clearly rather paranoid conspiracy claim about the Government and population.

Wherever people may have originated from, all those who are naturalised here or originated here can claim to be British and so are part of the "indigenous population" anyway.

The Office of National Statistics report, that he misuses in my view, actually pointed out that UK birth rates are the highest for a generation and cover all social groups not just some.

It also indicates that, because of this, the UK is far better placed to take advantage of this than the rest of the EU, especially in terms of dealing with an ageing population and the longer term skills shortages. Another report from the Equalities Commission suggests the UK is now becoming very much more comfortable with people from different cultures, especially inter-



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marriages; no doubt to the chagrin of Mr Williams et al; and so are happy to vote for the mainstream and are wise to the BNP's twisting of facts. Further, as those students at last week's Holocaust Memorial told me, the

experience of learning about such events clearly brings home the realities of the far-right's behaviour and their weasel words, both then and now. Similarly with those going on visits to the death camps.

It seems that whilst the BNP may sometimes get an electoral gain here and there it's mostly, and particularly during difficult times, a protest vote rather than anything more as most usually admit.

Regarding my views on other issues, I do not claim they are the only 'right' ones. I just suggest what I consider progressive alternatives to the UK and world's problems which people are free to agree with or not. For example over the Lydd Airport or the de Hann seafront plans, debates locally or on climate change nationally.

Finally, I consign Mr Williams back to floundering around in the echoing void of contemptuous silence that most informed and decent people currently give to such views; not because I cannot answer him, I've shown that such is very easy, but simply because I, like most people, have far better things to do.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Children countdown to their future lives

So, according to your story on page nine last week, shy children are being encouraged to attend finishing school classes in order to help with their motivation when they leave school are they?

Surely the only motivation they need to get on in life is the knowledge that should they fail to get a job they face a lifetime of misery, living in a shoddy place with daytime TV their only companion.

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Joan Williams
By email

I'll put my cash on the local councils

The news that Kent County Council has quite a number of people on its staff earning over £50,000 a year should come as no surprise.

This is a body which seems to have no idea how to manage its finances – witness the fiasco of the £50 million lost in the Icelandic banking collapse.

Why people continue to have confidence in KCC remains a mystery and I for one feel that this redundant body could be got rid of – along with all the county councils in the UK.

I accept that large cities need some form of organisation at the top – but rural parts of the UK do not.

The work would then be undertaken by local district councils – far more in tune with the needs of local residents and able to supply services tailored to a specific area with its local problems always to the fore in the minds of both officials and councillors.

In Kent what have Romney Marsh and Chatham got in common? Or Margate and Tunbridge Wells, or Pluckley and Northfleet? The list could go on and on.

Representation by local councils would not only be more accountable – at one stroke it would wipe out a

hugely costly tier of local government saving millions upon millions each year.

Brian Hamilton
By email

Tourism drive could combat downturn

I suppose one benefit the total mismanagement of the economy by that alleged financial genius Gordon Brown is the low value of the pound should attract more tourists from the EU and elsewhere to Britain this summer.

So isn't it about time we in Kent started to emphasise what it is we have to offer – great countryside, lovely villages, historic towns and cathedrals and castles galore?

Has anyone thought of taking out advertising space abroad – a few posters at railway stations in France and Germany or some paid for space in quality newspapers on the continent?

There are a huge number of posters advertising destinations in the USA on the walls of the London Underground and elsewhere in the capital.

With America's interest in history and culture surely Kent could think about launching a publicity drive Stateside as well.

If there is a silver lining to the current economic woes we are suffering we should try and find it.

Emma Parsons
By email

Our Joe should be over in West Indies

What a shame it is that Kent's Joe Denly is not part of the England squad in action in the West Indies at the moment.

Good wickets and average bowling are the ideal opportunities to blood a young player who undoubtedly has a promising future in the game.

It would also have been excellent practice for him in the run-up to the season back home.

Phil Cousins
By email

Be fare, don't waste new travel option

I will be interested to see what prices will be charged by Southeastern when the new Javelin trains come into action at the end of this year.

I will not be counting on too many offers or reductions on services to London at any time – let alone during peak hours.

If these trains are to pay for themselves they have to have fares priced so people can afford them.

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Julie Lawrence
By email

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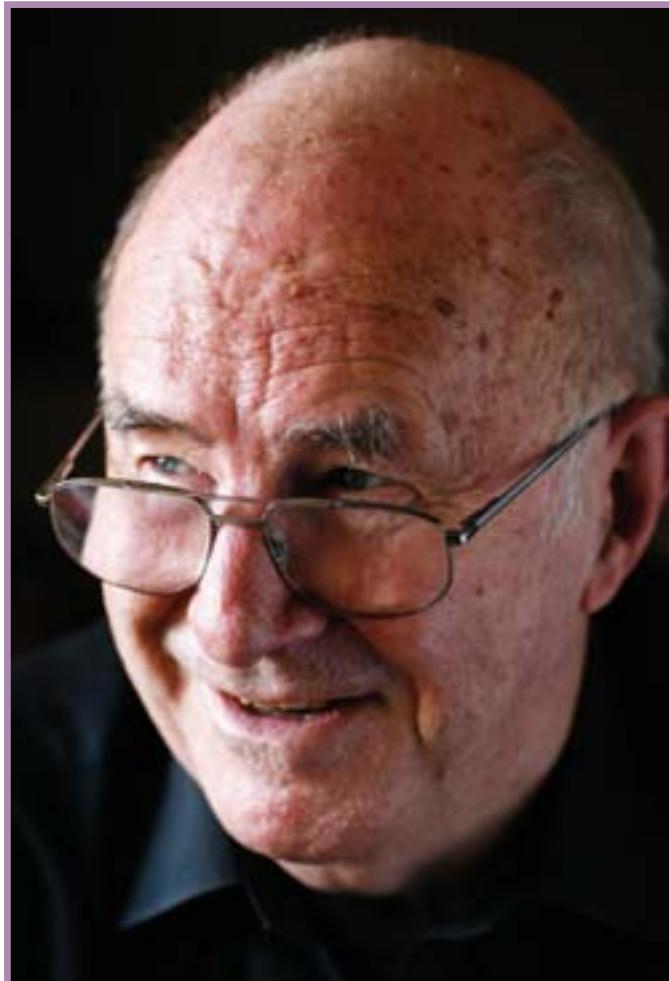
Clive James In The Evening will give fans the chance to meet the man who has become a British institution, despite being born in Sydney. Last year he was awarded the George Orwell Special Prize for lifetime achievement in journalism and broadcasting, a reflection of his long and varied career. He is sure to have many entertaining stories to tell about his life in the media and literary world.

Born in 1939, James attended Sydney Technical High School and Sydney University, where he acted as literary editor of the student newspaper Honi Soit and director of the annual Union Revue. After leaving university he spent a year working on the Sydney Morning Herald, before setting sail for England in 1961.

After three years living a 'would-be bohemian existence' in London, he went to Cambridge University where his journalistic and theatrical talents continued to shine. As well as becoming president of the famous Footlights theatre group, James wrote for all the undergraduate periodicals and his work began to appear in publications like the Listener, the New Statesman and the Review.

His lengthy article about Edmund Wilson, published anonymously in the Times Literary Supplement, attracted the praise of a number of readers, including author Graham Greene, something which sparked interest in James' identity.

He went on to become a television reviewer for the Observer and, believing that a cultural commentator must be as immersed in their subject as possible, he became a TV presenter himself. James pioneered the 'postcard' format of travel programmes, still in syndication all over the world. He is also a successful fiction author, while his first autobiographical book – *Unreliable*



INTERESTING: Clive James has had a fascinating and varied media career

Memoirs, first published in 1979 – has been reprinted more than 60 times.

Despite becoming a well-loved media personality, he continued to devote time to his literary pursuits as a critic, author and poet. His talents even extend to music, having written lyrics for singer and musician Pete Atkin in the 1970s. They collaborated on six commercially released albums and the pair took a hit two-man show to the Edinburgh Fringe in 2001, followed by tours

of Britain, Australia and Hong Kong.

Since retiring from mainstream television, he has become involved with new media and internet enterprises. But he continues to write books, delight readers with his memoirs and entertain audiences with his fascinating anecdotes.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £16. At the time of writing tickets were selling fast, so book soon to avoid disappointment. Call 01227 769075 or book at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



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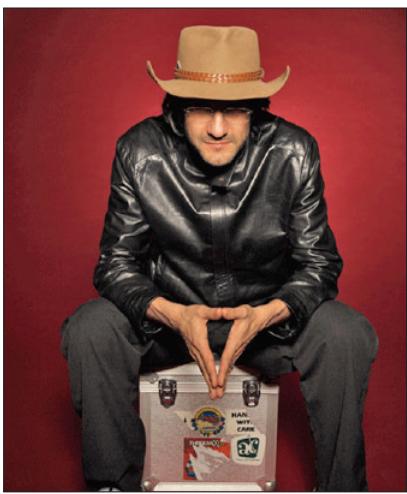
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What the Fuss? – Saturday, March 14
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 Entry: £6 (£5 NUS)

Taming the beast helps us make a fuss of diversity

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

AN all encompassing club night is set to launch later this month – offering everything from dubstep and drum 'n' bass to rock and rave.

The 666 night will run weekly at The Loft in Maidstone, with the opening night taking place on Saturday, February 21.

The beauty of the club night – apart from sharing its name with the number of the beast – is its decision to dedicate each Saturday night of the month to a different genre.

The monthly rotation sees Spank! take control on the first Saturday of each month, with nothing but 'indie dance, electro, disco, fidget and rave' being played.

The following week, What the Fuss?, is for indie rockers, with resident DJs offering up a host of alternative anthems through the night.

Dubbed Out is next in line on the third Saturday of the month, playing, as the name suggests, dubstep, hip hop, bassline and drum 'n' bass.

Each month will be brought to a close by The Scene, a night dedicated to staging the biggest breakthrough bands who are tipped to make it big this year.

A 666 spokesman said he couldn't wait for



HOUNDS: The Futureheads are lined up to do a DJ set during What the Fuss? on Saturday, March 14

the launch party. He said: "We're putting on a weekly club night, every Saturday slap bang in the middle of Kent for anyone and everyone.

"Each Saturday 666 will be presenting a different style of club night to cater for everyone's needs and to keep us on our toes.

"We can't wait to get started."

"We've already got a number of major UK and international bands and DJs lined up to come to the county."

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PROOF of video games' rising importance in the entertainment industry has been underlined by research showing they outsold both DVD and Blu-ray movie sales in 2008.

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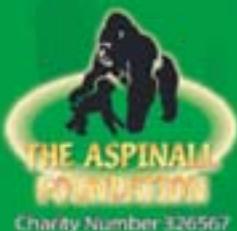
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

 **THE KRYPTON FACTOR**
ITV1, 7.30pm, Thursday

TV channels love re-vamping an old idea.

From Family Fortunes to Bullseye, Blockbusters to Gladiators, no former show of note is safe.

All we need is Bob's Full House to get the makeover treatment and we'll have ourselves a, er, full house.

Some would say there's no harm in bringing back a winner while others would point to a dearth of new ideas and TV executives taking the easy option.

With that in mind let's turn the focus on The Krypton Factor, back after a decade in the wilderness.

I think it's safe to say this is the only quiz show to be inspired by Superman's home planet and has been rebooted for midweek viewers.

Back in the 70s, 80s and early 90s this programme reminded us all we were just mere mortals, lucky to be walking on the same ground as Steve the bookseller from Felixstowe.

He could land a simulated jumbo jet in high winds, read a clock face backwards, and spot the five continuity errors in two short pieces of otherwise identical film.

We couldn't, we were rubbish.

There really was nothing quite like curling up on the warm sofa as an accountant, a nurse, a teacher and a train driver stormed their way down an assault course that would make the Man of Steel need a nice cup of tea and a sit down upon completion.

How we would chuckle as Marie, the osteopath from Corby, got stuck in the giant cargo net, blowing her chances of upping her Krypton Factor past single digits.



NOT THE RIGHT FACTOR: Ben Shepherd is just too glossy to preside over the show

With Gordon Burns, owner of the nation's favourite side-parting, sat presiding over matters like a cross between a maths teacher and Bob Holness, for half an hour a week, all seemed right with the world.

Age has not been kind to the format though and it all seems a bit absurd now.

The loveable naughtiness has been ironed out and things run suspiciously smoothly.

The puzzles seem somehow harder too, as if no one is supposed to get them right let alone the audience.

One of the main problems – aside from that it isn't 1988 anymore – is host Ben Shepherd, who seems far too wet and glossy to be in control of such important matters.

Even more scandalous is his shocking lack of a side-parting.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

ATTENDING to your own needs should be your first order of business. It's been too long since you took a break for pleasure. Schedule a relaxing trip. Looking at a beautiful vista will prompt you to make bold plans. Stop telling yourself that you're too old to take a chance.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

STAND up for yourself. By confronting an abusive authority figure, your self esteem will soar. It's also possible your tormentor will get their marching orders. If the situation is intolerable, look for a new job. You could find one more suited to you. You do best working with the public.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DEVOTING more time to your personal life becomes possible, reach out to your best friend, workmates, or a romantic partner. If you are on your own, you could form a wonderful partnership. Your companion was probably born in a foreign country but is much closer than you think.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could get a sudden chance to buy your dream home this week. Be ready to take action when exciting news reaches your ears. A generous relative could help with the down payment if you're short of cash. Alternately, you may be adding a new member to your household.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

EXAMINING your subconscious thoughts will result in a breakthrough. It's time to confront that inner critic of yours. You've been given tremendous gifts. By taking ownership of these talents, you'll be able to realise a dream. Write down your dreams as soon as you wake up.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR beliefs will go through a change. The ideas you were brought up with may not have any relevance to your life. Explore different beliefs. Don't worry about becoming a zealot. An open minded person like you isn't likely to become a drone or bigot.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

A NEW fitness regimen will yield results. This is the best week of the year to whip your body in shape. Be sure to do plenty of stretching before working out. If you're unsure how to proceed, get help from a trainer. Your coach can also help you follow a better diet.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

A LEARNING opportunity could land in your lap. This will be a great way to expand your horizons and income. If you've ever wanted to write a book, this is a good week to begin. Don't worry about whether this project will make money or not. Just have fun with it!

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

SET firm boundaries this week. By making it clear you're not a soft mark, these opportunists will beat a hasty retreat from your door. A manipulative woman may accuse you of being selfish. People will see you were wise to stand firm against this lady's pleas for help.

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THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (12A)



Brad Pitt is a man born 80 years old and aging backwards. The film takes us through Benjamin's unusual life, and the extraordinary people and places he encounters, as he grows young.

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (12A)



A group of interconnected 20 and 30-somethings navigate their way through relationships, trying to understand the opposite sex. Starring Ben Affleck, Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson

Kate's greatest role of all will never win an award

■ BY KATE WHITING

KATE Winslet can't seem to win. After waiting 12 years for a major acting award, two come at once, but she still gets it in the neck for her over-emotional acceptance speech.

After her double Golden Globe victory, reports of 'weeping Winslet' were rife, telling how she was assisted onto stage, repeatedly apologised and urged herself to 'gather'. But even Kate agrees she will have to try better when she attends the Bafta Awards in February.

"Clearly, I should prepare a speech because I didn't think that was going to happen at the Golden Globes," she admits.

Kate won best actress and best supporting actress for her performances in Revolutionary Road and her portrayal of a former SS guard in The Reader. Last week she scooped best supporting female actor at the Screen Actors Guild. She has also been nominated twice for leading actress at the upcoming Baftas and clocked up a sixth Academy Award nomination. But of all the roles the 33-year-old has taken on in the last decade, motherhood is still the greatest.

As well as listing agents, producers and make-up artists, during her Globes moment, Kate also thanked her children Mia and Joe for "coming on this adventure with mummy".

"I love being a mum," Kate says when we meet just before the red carpet madness that is the awards season starts. My priorities in life have just completely shifted since I had my two children. Mia and Joe are the most important thing in my world and that's that."



GOLDEN GIRL: Kate Winslet won a Golden Globe for her role in Revolutionary Road alongside Leonardo DiCaprio

Even so, when she was offered parts in both Revolutionary Road and The Reader – filmed less than six months apart – Kate found it impossible to turn them down.

"I'm still sort of recovering from the last 18 months of my life and just coming to terms with the fact I got to play April Wheeler and Anna Schmitz in one year, let alone in my lifetime," she says, wide-eyed.

"I'm very aware of how rare it is as an opportunity and I can't tell you how much I've learnt about acting, about myself, as a result of playing both of these unbelievable women... they really were very, very challenging."

Revolutionary Road, based on the novel by Richard Yates, is a heart-breaking portrait of a marriage in 1950s America.

Despite dreams of a career in acting, April finds herself slipping into the suburban housewife role, while husband Frank commutes to

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New York for flirtations with secretaries.

The film gave Kate the opportunity to work with her director husband Sam Mendes for the first time since they married in 2003.

"I couldn't wait to see these other parts of Sam that might potentially be revealed to me, I was getting a bit impatient about it," she says. "I'd have Jake Gyllenhaal, Tom Hanks and even Paul Newman, when he was alive, say to me 'you've got to work with him' and I was saying 'I know, stop going on about it!'

"I did see other sides to Sam and that's a great thing, to learn more about the person you're sharing your life with."

For Kate, life is set to be hectic over the coming weeks with the smart money on not if she'll win more awards – but how many.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Rent goes down as opportunities go up

A DECREASE in the numbers of foreign nationals working in the UK and more "accidental" landlords are causing rents to fall, according to recent figures.

Analysts say this is great for tenants – but not for the small number of buy-to-let investors who took on large debts to build a portfolio.

Increasingly a survey shows their investments are in the hands of receivers. UHY Hacker Young, the accountancy group, said this week that it is handling an increasing number of buy-to-let portfolios – about half had been privately owned.

Spareroom.co.uk the flatshare website, blames the recent fall in rents on decreasing numbers of overseas workers seeking accommodation in the UK.

It says they have been deterred by the slump in sterling and the deteriorating job market and adds that companies are moving employees around the country less – labour mobility is a key driver of the rental market.

Other research out last week, this time from the Association of Residential Letting Agents shows that accidental landlords – would-be sellers who cannot find buyers and are forced to let their property – are increasing the supply of rental properties, especially family homes. Arla's average time a property stands empty is up from 3.4 weeks to 3.8 weeks.

Improved figures are not a sign of recovery

THE number of new mortgages for house buyers approved by the UK's banks fell by 52 per cent in 2008.

Industry figures indicate the number of mortgages approved for house purchase then rose in December from November's record low. Even so, they are barely half the level they were a year ago. The British Bankers' Association reported the number of approvals rose from 17,339 in November to 22,051 last month, but were 47 per cent down on December 2007.

The increase should not be seen as a real recovery in lending. David Dooks of the BBA considers it is more likely to reflect delayed activity from November.

He said the banks approved less than half the 2007 number of loans for house purchase, reflecting falling demand from households facing greater economic uncertainty and double-digit falls in house prices over the year, which led to a wait-and-see mentality.



ENCOURAGING BUILDING: Housing Minister Margaret Beckett aims to keep the construction industry going by making changes to social housing rental income

Social housing to keep construction moving

LOCAL authorities may soon have greater freedom to build more homes if plans currently under examination get the go ahead.

Under the proposals announced by Housing Minister Margaret Beckett, councils would be able to keep all the rental income from any homes they build, as well as keep the receipts from any of those homes which are later sold through right-to-buy.

The extra money could free councils to invest in the building of more council houses.

Currently, local authorities only build a few hundred council homes a year, with the majority of new social homes built by registered social landlords and housing associations.

The consultation proposals would seek to boost this building rate by removing some of

■ BY NICK AMES

the financial barriers stopping councils from constructing new properties and increasing their housing stock.

Ms Beckett said: "We are determined to help keep house building going in the current climate, as the long term need for more homes is not going to disappear.

"These new freedoms will encourage councils to play a bigger role in driving forward the delivery of new affordable homes for families in housing need."

The Government recently announced it would invite councils to bid for a share of the capital grant given to social landlords to subsidise the cost of new housing.

The new financial rules will make it possible for councils to compete for this funding along

side other providers of social housing.

James Rowlands, spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, has welcomed the proposal.

He said: "With the number of homes built in 2009 likely to fall below 80,000, any measures that can boost housing supply are welcome.

"Action must be taken as quickly as possible to have an impact on the market in the short term and local authorities should work in partnership with housing associations and private developers to ensure this happens.

"Many local authorities do not have recent experience of building homes and questions about their ability to deliver a development programme must also be addressed.

"This is one step towards maintaining a basic level of house building and retaining skilled workers in the industry."

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Two bedroom second floor purpose built flat with double glazing and gas central heating, No chain.

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Situated on the outskirts of River is this three bedroom terraced property which benefits from central heating and garage.

BURGOYNE HEIGHTS



£109,950

Three bedroom terrace house with double glazing, gas central heating and garden. No chain.

ELVINGTON



OIEO £110,000

Three bedroom semi detached house in village location with gas central heating, gardens and off road parking.

AYCLIFFE



£119,995

Two bedroom detached bungalow with double glazing, gas central heating, gardens.

DOVER



OIEO £125,000

Three bedroom semi detached house, double glazing, gas central heating, garden.

DOVER



£134,995

3 bedrooms semi detached house with two reception rooms and downstairs cloakroom, double glazing, GCH.

DEAL



OIEO £140,000

3 bedroom semi detached house, double glazing, conservatory, gas central heating, off road parking, garden.

DOVER



OIEO £145,000

Four bedroom terrace house with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating and garden.

ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE



OIEO £150,000

Two bedroom semi detached house with double glazing, gas central heating and garden.

RIVER



£160,000

Three bedroom semi detached chalet bungalow with two reception rooms, gardens and garage. No chain.

DOVER



£175,000

EOT house with character features, three bedrooms, lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, study, GCH, ORP. No chain.

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OIEO £175,000

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£184,995

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OIEO £88,000

Two Bedroom First Floor Flat, Lounge /Fitted Kitchen Diner, Gas Central Heating, Viewing recommended.

FOLKESTONE



£93,500

Ground floor retirement apartment, no chain, access from lounge to patio and communal gardens. DG. Entry phone.

FOLKESTONE



£105,000

Maisonette, entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, bathroom/WC, three bedrooms. GCH. Mostly DG. No chain.

FOLKESTONE



£119,995

Mid terrace property, no chain, entrance hall, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/WC.

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£125,000

Sought after East Cliff cul-de-sac. Excellent decorative order. First time to the market in 90 years! NO CHAIN.

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£145,000

3 storey mid terrace house, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms/WC's, 4 bedrooms. WC.

FOLKESTONE



£147,500

EOT in cul-de-sac, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast, utility area, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, GCH, DG, courtyard.

FOLKESTONE



£170,000

3 bedroom semi-detached house in a cul-de-sac with sea views, GCH, DG, integral single garage, ORP, gardens.

ETCHINGHILL



£209,995

Link-detached house, lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, utility room, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room/WC, garage, gardens.

HYTHE



£239,995

Two bedroom apartment in the Cinque Port Town of Hythe with easy access, golf course, sea front and cycle routes.

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OIEO £270,000

Penthouse apartment, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, den, entry system, lift facilities, parking, no chain.

FOLKESTONE



£450,000

2 bedroom bungalow, channel views, lounge, dining area, kitchen, inner hall, 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC, terrace.

PUBLIC NOTICE



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**MARKLAND ROAD OIEO £150,000**

Elms Vale. Internal viewing recommended. 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with off road parking. 17' Kitchen/Diner. Lounge. Conservatory. Bathroom. Established garden with side access.

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**PENCESTER COURT £110,000**

Two bedroom purpose built flat. Sitting room. Dining room. Gas central heating and double glazing. Balcony. Central location. Views to park. Viewing recommended.

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**EYTHORNE OIEO £135,000**

Three bedroom end terraced house. Lounge/diner. Gas central heating & double glazing. Village location. Front & rear garden. Garage. No chain.

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CLOSE £138,950**

Three bedroom terraced house. Sitting room. Kitchen/diner. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. No chain.

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**WYNDHAM ROAD OIEO £100,000**

Popular Tower Hamlets area. Two bedroom terraced house. Open plan lounge/diner. First floor bathroom. Central heating and double glazing.

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**FOLKESTONE £89,950**

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**FOLKESTONE £132,500**

Three bedroom terrace house. Lounge/kitchen diner. Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom. Double glazing and central heating.

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**FOLKESTONE £139,995**

Two bedroom terrace house with attic room. Two reception rooms. Garage. Good sized rear garden. Fitted kitchen.

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**FOLKESTONE OIEO £170,000**

Three bedroom semi detached house. Approximately 115 foot garden. No onward chain. Off road parking.

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**CAPEL-LE-FERNE £174,500**

Two bedroom end of terrace cottage. Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom. Attractive rear garden. Garage.

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**HYTHE £300,000**

Six bedroom semi detached house. Three reception rooms. Stunning family home. Must view property. No onward chain.

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**EYTHORNE £115,000**

NO CHAIN. 2 bedroom semi detached house. Entrance Hall, Lounge Kitchen/Utility area, Conservatory. 2 double bedrooms with ensuites. Rear garden, summer house, garage, ORP, CH, DG.

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**RIVER OIEO £70,000**

One Bedroom Flat. Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Lounge, Bathroom and Bedroom. Balcony overlooking gardens towards River, gas heating, mature communal gardens and resident parking area.

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**LYDDEN £175,000**

NO CHAIN. 4 bedroom semi detached house. Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory. 1st floor bathroom. 2nd floor loft conversion/master bedroom. Garage, driveway, workshop, garden, heating, DG.

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**WHITFIELD £185,000**

2 bedroom detached house. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Downstairs WC. First floor two bedrooms & bathroom. Garden, driveway and garage, CH, DG.

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**WHITFIELD OIEO £199,950**

NO CHAIN. 3 bedroom detached bungalow. Porch, Entrance Hall, Shower Room, L-Shaped Lounge/Diner, Kitchen/Breakfast Rooms, Family Bathroom. Rear garden, workshop, garage, driveway, DG.

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**NONINGTON OIEO £199,995**

3 bedroom detached bungalow. Porch, Kitchen/Diner, Hallway, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Lounge. Front & rear gardens, double garage with inspection pit, power and lighting. ORP, CH, DG.

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**GREATSTONE £149,950**

In need of TLC. Three bedroom detached bungalow with garage and off road parking for several vehicles.

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**NEW ROMNEY £180,000**

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**DYMCHURCH £249,995**

Four bedroom detached house. Lounge, dining room, study, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, utility room, garage and off road parking for several cars. No chain.

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**BRENZETT £239,995**

Four bedroom detached house set back from the road with pretty gardens to front and rear. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, separate breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, garage and off road parking.

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**NEW ROMNEY £199,995**

End of terrace house offering four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, lounge / diner, sun lounge and laundry room to the rear, garage and off road parking for several vehicles. No chain.

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**GREATSTONE OIEO £225,000**

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MOTORS NEWS



Toyota ready to give the Aygo another go

TOYOTA might have a new smallest model – the new 3+1-seat IQ – but has revised its highly successful Aygo.

The Japanese brand's former champion baby car remains a full yet compact four-seater and prices start from just £7,040, though the classy looking new alloy-shod Aygo Black flagship series starts at £8,250.

The car's efficient three-cylinder 1.0-litre VVT-i petrol engine gains Toyota's Optimal Drive system delivering better efficiency, performance and lower emissions - CO2 output has fallen to 106g/km, though remains slightly above the zero-road tax benchmark.



Is the Fiesta ECOnetic Britain's greenest car?

FORD'S new Fiesta ECOnetic (from £11,595) variant is claimed to be Britain's greenest family car.

A lowered suspension and aerodynamic tweaks contribute to an average of 76mpg and CO2 emissions of 98g/km – the latter making the ECOnetic road tax exempt.

A 'smart' gear change indicator also senses how the vehicle is being driven – taking account of gradient, vehicle load and driving style – to signal the optimum change point.

Experts at www.cleangreencars.co.uk say the car has set a new green benchmark without loss of driving pleasure.



Lotus adds finishing touches to cult Soul

KIA'S 'cult car in waiting' goes on sale in March after extensive tuning for UK roads and drivers.

The Korean marque says the new five-door Soul 4x4 lookalike is the first of its cars to get this bespoke ride and handling package, completed by Lotus, no less.

Kia UK MD Paul Philpott said: "We firmly believe customers who have never considered a Kia before will look at Soul and see it as a viable option when it comes to buying a new car."



GEN-EROUS OFFER: Half the cost of petrol and big savings on emissions are the major selling points for Proton's cut-price dual-fuel Proton GEN-2 Ecologic

Proton seeks breakthrough with a free dual-fuel option

PROTON has suffered from an 'elderly' and budget-conscious customer image since arriving here in the late 1980s.

However, the Ecologic might be the car to boost its fortunes as motoring thrift comes back in fashion; it has tanks for petrol and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and costs the same as a standard petrol GEN-2.

The big deal here is that a gas conversion would normally cost £1,500-£2,000, so you save that straight away and then buy the LPG fuel itself for about half the price of petrol.

Filling points

There are also now some 1,400 LPG filling points up and down the country – nearly 40 across Kent – and you sense that a revolution is taking place quietly to prevent Gordon and the 'Grey Chancellor' slapping a heavier tax on this possible loophole for cash-strapped motorists.

There would be uproar against a government preaching greener motoring though, because

ROAD TEST PROTON ECOLOGIC

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal



Image



Space



Value



Running costs



Reliability



Green rating



LPG emits 20 per cent less CO2 than petrol and slightly less than diesel and without the other nasties that the diesel filter is supposed to pick up.

Burning LPG is also 50 per cent quieter than diesel and is a by-product of crude oil output – UK PLC is awash with the stuff apparently.

However, LPG is up to 15 per cent less fuel efficient and the GEN-2's spare wheel has been sacrificed for a round LPG tank below the boot floor – there is a separate filler on the rear wing next to the petrol inlet.

Like all cars running on LPG, the Ecologic is quieter in this mode. This is a bit of a bonus since cabin and road noise in the GEN-2 – available as hatchback or saloon – feels more old generation than its sleek looks suggest.

Proton has relied heavily on tried and tested Mitsubishi technology, but acquired Lotus and much-needed chassis nous in 1996.

This is the GEN-2's best side; it handles and rides well and equipment is also generous, but interior design and rather low seating feel off the pace against modern rivals, so the Ecologic is the definite best buy of the range.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP:

OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

RANGE ROVER



AGEING petrol examples of Range Rovers are ridiculously cheap to buy now, but just a few fill-ups at the pumps could see you spending the same amount all over again. Then again, a used RR delivers cut-price entry to an upper-crust view of the road and an awful lot of kit and comfort for your money. Go for the highest spec you can afford though, preferably Vogue flagship level, to claw back most luxury in relation to gas guzzled.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

BMW X5



FOR many, the X5 is the ultimate SUV (sports utility vehicle) – it's big, laden with badge cachet, drives like a BMW despite a high body and looks the business. All good reasons for desirability and why this 4x4 is holding its value better than most, though it still cannot defy 'erosion by running costs'. The diesels are the favourite buy, but you could save lots with a performance petrol model, especially as diesel is still significantly dearer than its rival.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

TOYOTA LAND CRUISER



IF YOU need a 4x4 to tow a trailer, boat or a caravan then the Land Cruiser is one of the best, living up to rugged looks and helping it to defer the worst depreciation. As with the Range Rover, go for the best spec to make the most of its thirst for fuel, but do not worry about big repair bills; providing your Land Cruiser has not been abused or missed services, major problems should not trouble your horizons.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Closing date: 9 February 2009.

Interview date: 18 February 2009.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from <http://www.kca.org.uk/pages/vacancies.html> or email recruitment@kca.org.uk Alternatively, write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT or call 01795 590635. Please quote reference 546.

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For full details and application pack please contact
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Email: office@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk

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You will need a qualification in counselling at diploma level and experience of working in the drug and alcohol field would be desirable. BACP accreditation or working towards this is essential.

The flexibility to work away from your service base and the ability to work outside normal office hours would be an advantage.

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Please quote reference 550.

Closing date: Friday 13 February 2009.

Interview date: Thursday 19 February 2009.

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Applications should include completed application form with supporting letter, and the names, addresses (fax numbers) of two referees.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 24 February 2009

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2009



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Strode Park Foundation is a charity with over 60 years experience in working with people with disabilities, providing long stay and rehabilitation services. We are now embarking on an exciting development within ReAbility, our

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Please contact The Strode Park Foundation HR Department via 01227 37292 for an application pack, additional information, or to visit. Alternatively, email: recruitment@strodepark.org.uk.

Strode Park Foundation, Strode Park House, Herne, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 7NE.

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7. Copyright and other intellectual property rights in all material for advertising purposes or otherwise within the various forms of media in print, online and moving film owned by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd must have been sought, verified or paid for by the advertiser where applicable. Approval or permissions must have been given by any potential beneficial owner voice-over or music. The advertiser must be able to verify any statements or claims (promotional or otherwise) in relation to their products/services promoted within any of the media offerings belonging to KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd.

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For an application pack, please write to/telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):

Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338224)

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Please contact for further details:
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If you would like to discuss these opportunities further, or would like an application pack, please contact Sue Wheeler on 01634 265891 / swheeler@guardianhomecare.org.uk

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Closing date: Tuesday 3rd February 2009
Interviews to be held Monday 9th February 2009

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Application forms and further details are available from Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer at the School.
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The closing date for all posts: Friday 13th February 2009.

Please send a copy of your C.V. to the school email jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

Enquiries or visits to the Academy are welcome.

Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone number 01843 598550 or email to address above.

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DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

(LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008

REGULATION 27 NOTICE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE DOVER DISTRICT

CORE STRATEGY SUBMISSION DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

Dover District Council has prepared a Core Strategy which sets out the Council's approach to the spatial vision, strategic objectives and planning policy framework for Dover District to 2026 and to allocate land for development. A Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment of the proposals will be published on the same date. The proposals are published for public participation for an eight week period commencing on 29th January 2009. Representations on these documents are invited and must be received between **29th January and midnight on 25th March 2009**. Copies of the documents are available for public inspection at:

Council Offices: White Cliffs Business Park, Dover - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
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The documents can also be viewed on the Council's website www.dover.gov.uk, e-mailed to forwardplanning@dover.gov.uk or posted to the Forward Planning Section, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ, preferably using the representation form which is available from Council offices and the website. Further information relating to this stage in the process can be obtained from: www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/local_dpd_procedure_guide.pdf

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Single mum, 23, nice and curly, 5ft6, blonde, blue eyes, likes shopping, cinema and animals, WLTM an honest and trustworthy male, 28-38. Box 446993

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Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

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Single mum, 28, looking for LTR. I enjoy cosy nights in, dancing, dining out. I'm 5ft1, short hair, blue eyes. Box 445363

A GOOD HEART THESE DAYS...

Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28+ years, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTM a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654

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Easygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTM loving, caring white male 35-45 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CANTERBURY TALE

Hi guys, fun-loving single mum, 34, WLTM the man of my dreams! I'm genuine, honest and full of life! Only decent, honest men may apply!! Box 406670

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CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Loving, caring, tactile female, 36, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue-eyes, N/S, GSOH, likes cinema, bowling, country pubs, nights in/out, seeks male for friendship and LTR. Box 827619

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Social, genuine, honest, single mum, 36, 5ft6. I've got hazel eyes and dark hair and enjoy the cinema, meals out. WLTM sincere, attractive genuine male. Box 446840

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552

TRY ME

Ashford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have 2 kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446935

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long wavy hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, likes eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTM loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy blonde, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

NO TIES

Bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, solvent, professional white male, 40-50, for company, fun, love, laughter. Box 443573

TRY ME

Ashford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have 2 kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446935

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long wavy hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, likes eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship. Box 447986

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs; WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 445102

BORN TO MAKE YOU HAPPY

Caring lovely lady, 42, genuine, short brown hair, lacks confidence! seeking loyal, genuine person, someone special to put the spark back into my life. Box 885761

LET'S CLICK

WLTM a nice guy with a similar nature, I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing, life-loving. Box 446102

AIMING HIGH

6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446017

BELLE MICHELLE

Looking for nice, honest, genuine guy for committed relationship. I'm 42, many interests/friends, just looking for someone special. Box 448370

COUNTRY LASS

Country-loving happy lady, 42, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Box 883723

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE

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Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

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Bubbly, cuddly blonde single mum, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for kind, caring, loyal male. Box 431557

SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010

CAN YOU HANDLE ME?

Bubbly upbeat slim blonde girl, 40, independent but looking for that someone special to have a good time with. Box 448251

FAIRYTALE

Feminine woman, 41, 5ft2, kind, caring, loving and tactile, GSOH, looking to meet a nice man for a LTR. Box 446926

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, Brunette, N/S, medium/average build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pre non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

COULD IT BE YOU?

Easygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444672

SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTM gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443938

MAKE ME LAUGH

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, most nights, WLTM genuine male, to see whether he likes you. Box 442905

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft6, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for a friend initially and hopefully more. Box 889800

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

SEEING THROUGH THE SHYNESS

Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, non-smoker, for friendship. Box 883410

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank awards aimed at social entrepreneurs

NOT-for-profit organisations in Kent have a month left to enter the Bank of Scotland Corporate £6 million Social Entrepreneur Awards.

There are 5,057 not for-profit organisations in the South East.

There are two awards on offer and entrants must specify which they wish to enter: up to £5 million funding free of interest and arrangement fees for three years; or a one-off cash donation of up to £500,000, and up to £1 million funding free of interest and arrangement fees for three years, or a one-off cash donation of up to £100,000. The winner of each award will also secure three days mentoring from one of the UK's best known social entrepreneurs. Closing date is February 23, and for more information visit www.bossocialawards.co.uk.

Piece of the ISO action

THAMES Gateway Chamber's Jigsaw Club, which helps members achieve International Standardisation Organisation certification, has scored again.

It has helped Sittingbourne-based graphic designers Signs Unlimited complete the ISO 9001-2000.

The company was assisted by chamber-based ISO consultant Stuart Brealey, who said almost all local councils require this and if bidding for any Olympic contracts it will be a must-have requirement before a firm can even get on to an approved list.

Many councils and larger organisations also want to see the Environmental Standard ISO 14001-2004.

Calling all contractors

FIRMS are being urged to apply for a place on Kent County Council's select list of approved contractors.

If accepted, companies will be put on the list from which KCC sites choose contractors when arranging for work to be carried out. Existing contractors also need to apply because they won't automatically go on the list.

Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/business/support-services-and-advice/property-group/contractor-applications.htm.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "In business, is small really beautiful?" Search 'crunch'

Insurers stick to letter of the law as belts tighten

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

INSURANCE companies are getting tougher as the economy gets rougher.

So with insurers tightening their belts in the downturn, it's even more important that firms make sure they get the right cover sorted out and they make legitimate claims.

If they don't they'd better watch out, because they could find they have to face a lot of extra work and hassle if they make a claim.

In the past many would rely on insurers to bend over backwards to help them.

Industry insiders reckon that the days of claims going through without serious scrutiny or fuss have gone.

Insurers are sticking to the letter of the law and saying it's not their responsibility if the insured firm hasn't bothered to get it right in the first place.

Insurance companies are investors and, like the banks, have suffered losses during the credit crunch.

And, like any other business, they are trying to control costs and this means they'll place greater emphasis on ensuring claims are carefully assessed.

As a result, it is likely there will be an increase in rejected claims caused by inadvertent – or in some cases cost-cutting – misinformation on the part of policyholders.

David Armstrong, associate director of



WARNING: David Armstrong of Belmont International says insurance firms are now taking a tougher line

Oxford-based independent insurance broker Belmont International, said: "In recent years insurers have endeavoured to pay claims quickly in the name of efficiency.

"However, now insurance companies are increasingly insisting on every bit of paperwork associated with a claim and require a chapter and verse report before they will pay out.

"Claim fraud, already a problem in the UK, inevitably increases during tougher trading times. The poor behaviour of the few inevitably leads to insurers being a lot more meticulous and less flexible in their approach.

"There is also a greater use of loss adjusters, private investigators and other means to make sure what policyholders are saying is true.

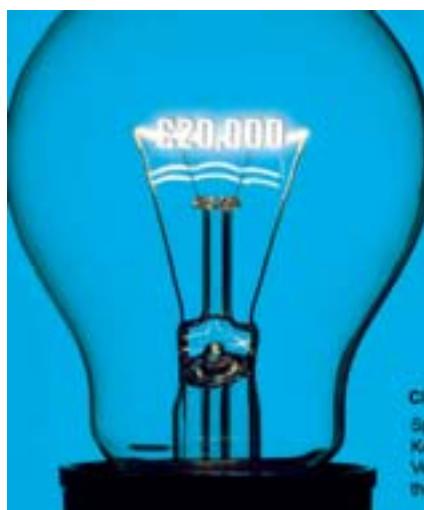
"A business that understates their financial estimates or sums insured may be taken to task by their insurance company."

Policyholders who give incorrect information on insurance forms, via an agent or online, are in real danger of invalidating their insurance, which could mean a reduced payout or none at all.

In general, companies, organisations and individuals who try and make a fraudulent claim will not find it an easy touch.

Insurers and police forces around the country now have an agreement where insurance companies can get quick information if they think they're being conned.

Insurers can ask police for further information where they think there's any evidence that fraud has been committed, for example to check the value of items stolen in a burglary listed in the police report form matches what is being claimed for.



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VICTORY: Gary Mickelborough put away two goals

Stones edged out by Crowborough

FOLKESTONE dropped off the pace at the top of London 4 South East after a 21-17 defeat at Crowborough.

The Stones got the best possible start with a score in the first 20 seconds. Seyhan Fell kicked off into the home 22 and Richard Lama charged the ball down to score under the posts. Fell added the conversion.

Chris Gamble then got his name on the score sheet with a well-taken try but back came the home team with two scores before the interval. Crowborough scored a penalty after the break which was matched by the Stones, before the home side stole the points with another couple of late penalties.

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 Former Premiership referee Paul Alcock explains his role in new athletics stadium

Ladies prepare for tough Six Nations

FORMER Folkestone Rugby player Catherine Spencer will captain England ladies for their opening Six Nations game with Italy this Saturday.

Spencer, who began her rugby career at Folkestone Rugby Club, led England to a history-making third consecutive Six Nations Grand Slam last year.

England begin the 2009 campaign by hosting Italy and Spencer believes this tournament will be the hardest yet. She said: "It's hard to say who the main challengers are but it will be close. We want to go on and claim a fourth consecutive title but some of our players will be playing in the sevens tournament so it will be tough."

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Hythe Town triumph to go into cup semi-finals

FOOTBALL

Slade Green 0

Hythe Town 4

HYTHE Town breezed into the League Cup semi-finals by completing a comfortable victory in their two-legged tie with Slade Green.

Paul Fisk's league leaders had looked far from assured since the turn of the year and conceded a late goal in the first leg at Reachfields a week earlier to take a narrow 2-1 advantage into Saturday's decider.

Jason Brazier settled any nerves by putting Town in front on 27 minutes with his third goal of the season. The tie was virtually put beyond the hosts eight minutes

later, when Gary Mickelborough capped an excellent display with a goal to make it 4-1 on aggregate.

Hythe remained in control after the break, but they had to wait until late on to add a flourish to the score line.

First, Brazier doubled his tally for the

afternoon 12 minutes from time, before Mo Takaloo scored on his first appearance since signing from Margate in the closing stages to seal a 6-1 aggregate victory.

The victory put Hythe into the last four along with Faversham Town, Croydon and Erith Town.

While the League Cup would be a welcome addition to the Hythe trophy cabinet, the Premier Division title remains the main focus for the side. They play only their second league game of the year this Saturday, when they take their two-point lead to Sevenoaks Town.



REBOUND: Michael Everitt (left) hit the post for Invicta, while Neil Cugley (right) was frustrated that his side failed to get anything out of the game at the Buzzlins Stadium



Cugley left to ponder as late goals cost Invicta

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Folkestone Invicta 1

Dryden 1

Godalming Town 2

Stanley 74, Outley 87

FOLKESTONE Invicta conceded two late goals to miss out on the one win manager Neil Cugley believes his team need to guarantee their Ryman South status for next season.

Jimmy Dryden continued his good form since withdrawing his transfer request, but Invicta missed a succession of good chances to wrap the game up. Godalming, second best for much of the game, scored two well-worked goals late on to pinch maximum points.

Cugley was frustrated to watch his side come away with nothing, but drew positives from the performance of his inexperienced team.

He said: "I'm disappointed with the result but not with how we played, some of our football was very good."

"We need one, maybe two wins to be sure [of safety]. We would just like to get them for our own state of mind. We know they will come, the younger players are getting better all the time and I think we are becoming quite an exciting side. When we first got them in we weren't

Folkestone starting XI



goal, were then stung themselves as the visitors scored the winner three minutes from time.

The Seasiders were looking for a third successive home win and got the perfect start when Dryden stabbed home with the first attack of the game. It was the third game in a row the skipper had netted and his 17th goal of the season.

Dryden almost doubled the lead soon afterwards, but his sweetly-struck shot cannoned off the woodwork. The rebound fell to Michael Everitt, whose shot also hit the post.

Jimmy Jackson went close before Godalming levelled 16 minutes from time. Invicta, who beat Whyteleafe four days earlier with a late

A meeting for the supporters' club to discuss the club's ongoing financial problems is scheduled for Stripes tonight. See the club website for details.

Rodgers sees red as Dover held by plucky Ramsgate

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Ramsgate 0



Dover Athletic 0



A GAME that promised so much failed to live up to expectation as Dover and Ramsgate played out a dull draw at Southwood.

It was the first draw of the season for champions-elect Dover, who included former Rams Shaun Welford, Olly Schulz and Dean Hill among their ranks.

It was set to be a thriller but it fizzled out – not entirely the players' fault though as the game was never allowed to get going by an over fussy referee. He handed out yellow cards to Sammy Moore, Steffan Ball and Andy Hadden and sent off James Rodgers just before the break, leaving Dover to see out the second 45 with ten men.

The first half was anything but a spectacle as both sides failed to get out of first gear. It took 35 minutes for the first effort on goal, and came for Dover: A ball into the box from the left hand side found its way to Giuliano Grazioli but the former Stevenage striker was unable to direct his effort away from goalkeeper Jamie Turner.

The first talking point of the game came just



SENT OFF: Dover midfieler James Rodgers was given his marching orders after two yellow cards in three minutes

two minutes later as James Rodgers and Steffan Ball were both shown yellow cards for an incident over a free-kick. Ball tried to take the free-kick early but Rodgers stood in his way and after a bit of pushing and shoving from the pair, the referee showed them yellow cards.

Three minutes later Rodgers was given his marching orders. A through ball found Ball in space on the right and as the Ramsgate striker attacked goal, he was taken down by Rodgers outside the area. The referee had no hesitation in showing the Dover midfieler a second yellow card.

However, it was the visitors who almost

Dover starting XI



Subs used: Grazioli (Hughes 46)

went into the break with a lead but Grazioli could only head an Olly Schulz header at Turner from six yards out.

Chances were again few and far between at the start of the second half as neither side looked like taking the initiative.

Ryan Royston had an effort from 25 yards tipped round the post by Preston Edwards after 70 minutes, then the Whites went straight down the other end and from a Sammy Moore corner, Shaun Welford headed just over the bar.

The visitors thought they had taken the lead with ten minutes to go when Welford's header was arrowing into the bottom corner, but Rams defender Danny Walder reacted quickly to hit off the line.

The best chance of the game fell to former Ram Olly Schulz with a minute to go. The ball dropped to the central defender on the six yard box but his effort was more like a clearance as he snatched at it and ballooned the ball over the bar.

FOOTBALL



HONEST REACTION: Manager Andy Hessenthaler

Hess tells it like it is as Whites fail to get out of second gear

IT CAN often be quite interesting guessing what managers will say after a game. Some will put their opponents down, some will blame the referee, others point the finger at players and you're often left wondering if you have been watching the same game.

Thankfully, Andy Hessenthaler is about as honest as they come. Despite some around the ground losing their heads on Saturday following the sending off of Whites midfieler James Rodgers and the litter of yellow cards handed out by a whistle-happy referee, Hessenthaler didn't give the standard answer about his view of the red card shown to his player.

"I'm not too pleased with James Rodgers in relation to the free-kick for the first yellow card. He tried to stop it being taken. I couldn't quite see the tackle for the second yellow but he told me he pulled his leg out but to be honest I am not going to argue about it, he will just have to serve a ban."

He also saw the game the same way – a poor Kent derby which never got going, as much down to the conditions and a bobbly pitch combined with a resilient Ramsgate side that proved difficult to break down.

It was also Dover's first drawn game in the league all season, but one the Whites fully deserved. Hess said: "I can't fault the players especially after going down to ten men, but maybe in the first half we could have tried to play a bit more football. It's a good point for us that keeps the unbeaten run going. We were always going to draw one at some stage, it's now up to the players to go on another winning run. If we remain unbeaten in ten games' time then that's the league wrapped up as far as I'm concerned."

Goalkeeper Preston Edwards made his debut on loan from Millwall for the injured John Whitehouse. With Dover's stopper looking like he will be out for the remainder of the campaign, Hessenthaler is hoping to extend Edwards' deal to complete the season.

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TOPPLED: Improving Dover beat the league leaders

minutes of the clock remaining and Dover were to profit from their efforts when Mackintosh, with an injection of power, literally smashed his way through the visitors' backline to touch down with the extras added to claim the two points.

The pressure applied to the Stoke half in the closing minutes was immense and the penalty count against the visitors fast growing. Beaumont slotted a penalty with four



FINAL INSPECTION: Lydden Hill circuit, Dover

Circuit on track to host championship

LYDDEN Hill face a final inspection from the FIA this week to receive the green light for their circuit changes made for the opening round of the European Rallycross Championship.

The Dover circuit won a bid to host a round of European Rallycross Championship last year. The series last featured at Lydden in 1996 and a record breaking crowd is expected for its return on April 12.

For Lydden to host the event, a new section of track has been added to comply with the European Rallycross Championship rules, at a cost in the region of £200,000. The FIA are due to visit the circuit to inspect the changes made this week.

Managing director Amy Doran said: "The preparations are going well. The new section of the track has been finished, but I think we will be working right down to the wire before the FIA arrive."

On Saturday more than 50 European Rallycross stars travelled to the circuit for the final round of the Winter Rallycross Series in a bid to learn the track before Easter Monday's European event.

Sharks show their mettle as league leaders defeated

RUGBY

Dover 20 Basingstoke 16

THE positives from last week's game at Dorking were taken as Dover beat league leaders Basingstoke at Crabble to halt their march at the top of the table.

Dover had the benefit of the slope in the first half and in perfect playing conditions they dominated territory for much of the game.

Basingstoke kicked an early penalty to take the lead but they had little opportunity thereafter, as the hosts began to pressurise the visitors. The first try came on 24 minutes when winger Ricky Mackintosh ran 35 metres to touch down.

Jamie Phillips then made a thunderous break deep into the opponents' territory and after a series of phases, full-back Jamie Townley touched down.

The score line could have looked even healthier, but the Sharks missed a penalty and two conversions.

The second half started in Stoke's favour with a number of errors from Dover and within minutes they had scored a try following some flimsy defence in midfield. Stoke then took the lead from a penalty that resulted from a suicidal kick from a Dover player and further pain was inflicted when the home side handed Stoke the simplest of tries.

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Gills manager asks fans to give encouragement to Simeon Jackson

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